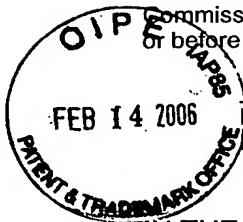


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Mark Wilson Anderson et al.)	
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 15 NOVEMBER 2005

Dear Sir:

Attorney for Applicant in the above-captioned application hereby responds to the Office Action mailed 15 November 2005. At the time the Office Action issued, claims 1 to 11 were pending.

The response amends the specification, claims 1, 2, 5, 7-10, and adds new claims 12-29. That brings the total number of claims to 9 in excess of the number of 20, while the total number of independent claims is 1 in excess of 3. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the corresponding claim fee to Deposit Account No. 19-1800.